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Walker's War on Workers: Bad News for Wisconsin's Economy

A true budget repair bill would seek to strengthen – not undermine – the middle class, the engine of our state's economy

MADISON – Rep. Roys issued the following statement regarding Governor Scott Walker's attack on collective bargaining rights for Wisconsin workers:

"Governor Walker's plan is an ignorant, reckless attack not only on working families but on our state's fragile economic recovery. Like his sham special session on jobs, Walker's unnecessary budget adjustment bill will not create a single job – but will roll back the rights and economic security of thousands of Wisconsin families. This scheme will take several thousand dollars out of the pockets of middle-class Wisconsinites, while unraveling over half a century of worker protections.

"Wisconsin needs a Governor who understands that a strong, vibrant middle class is essential to our state's economic health. Wisconsin needs a Governor who realizes that devastating working families with significant pay cuts will harm – not help – the state's revenue base. Wisconsin needs a Governor with the intellectual honesty to learn from his mismanagement and anti-worker policies as Milwaukee County Executive, rather than repeat them on a larger scale. Wisconsin needs a Governor with the courage to face our state's challenges head on, by showing up at the bargaining table – instead of invoking the National Guard in a cynical attempt to intimidate teachers, nurses, and public safety workers.

"Instead of the Governor we need, we get Scott Walker. We get no negotiations with workers, no time for public input, and exemptions only for the few unions who endorsed his campaign for Governor.

"Governor Walker's failed leadership is an embarrassment to Wisconsin."

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